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LAY VISITATION

Under the direction of Rev. Ira Black of the Church Extension Division of the national Board of Home Missions, visitation evangelism campaigns have been conducted recently in Modesto, Salida, Santa Rosa, and Mira Vista. Rev. Sidney Buckham from the Conference staff has assisted in these drives, with five evenings devoted to each of the above churches. Visitations were carried on by the workers, including ministers and laymen, in teams of two. Prospect lists were prepared in advance by the local pastors; and calls were made between 7:00 and 10:00 for four evenings in each area, the first evening of the five being devoted to a period of instruction for the workers. This instruction was continued at supper meetings before each visitation period. The total returns on these campaigns have not been compiled as the March Pacific goes to press, but preliminary reports indicate that many new families have been added to the churches involved.

Decision cards used by the workers and signed by prospective church members include a commitment to live the Christian life and to join the church by confession of faith or transfer of letter. At the close of the evening, teams gather to make their final report. Ira Black says, "Lay visitation is the most effective method of building a church. Calls are made on families as groups. It is much easier to secure the decision of a family than of an individual. The laymen who reach new families stand by them to help them find their places in the life of the church. Nine out of ten who are reached for the church through lay visitation are still active in the church a year later.

"In 1948 fifty-one churches in the Northern California Conference did not receive enough new members (7%) to hold their own. The average growth in the churches of this Conference is only half the percentage of population increase. Through a program of lay visitation almost every church could have a 20% increase in membership this year. Laymen everywhere are waiting to be asked to share in the building of their local churches. It is up to the pastors to give leadership in lay visitation so that spiritual vitality may come where it is so greatly needed in this growing state."

Forest Hill To Begin

For a time, progress for the launching of our new project in the Forest Hill area of San Francisco was held up, but now the decks have been cleared for it to move forward as a federated or cooperative enterprise. Rev. Horst R. Jeschke has been called as pastor, and he will begin on June 1. Mr. Jeschke was formerly pastor of the Evangelical and Reformed Church of San Bruno and then for some years was a chaplain with the United States military forces. He has done an outstanding piece of work with the Evangelical and Reformed Church at Spring, Texas. He has a wife and two children and will undertake the work in this very promising area of San Francisco with great enthusiasm.

MERGER BLOCKED, TEMPORARILY

Judge Meier Steinbrink rendered his final judgment together with certain injunctions on February 20 as a climax to the case brought by the Cadman Memorial Church of Brooklyn against Helen Kenyon as Moderator of the General Council of Congregational Christian Churches regarding the merger with the Evangelical and Reformed Church.

The judgment of the court was entirely in favor of the plaintiffs. In fact, a reading of the document seems to indicate to one not versed in the law that it goes much farther than the anti-merger people in our fellowship had asked. It is a long document and difficult to condense or to summarize, but it orders all efforts or movements looking toward the merger with the Evangelical and Reformed Church to cease. It forbids the General Council, its officers, or Executive Committee from taking any further steps in that direction or from spending any denominational money toward that end. It finds that all of the corporations, including the boards of missions, and the corporations for the holding of invested funds are agents of the churches, so that the terms of the judgment apply to them as well as the General Council itself. It enjoins the General Council not only from uniting with the Evangelical and Reformed Church, but with **any other body or organization whatsoever** and from transferring, consolidating, or uniting properties or funds with any of the organizations of the E and R Church. It enjoins the members of the General Council **present and future** from bringing about such a union through any method or means whatsoever, which indicates that, under the terms of the judgment, no amendment or modification of our procedures can be made which would make possible a union. It even goes so far as to restrain any individuals or groups who have knowledge of this judgment, even though they have not been parties to the action, from aiding or cooperating with the General Council in doing any of the acts prohibited by the judgment. This would seem to be an attempt by a judge to make impossible an appeal, the right of which is certainly a privilege of any American citizen if there is to be any justice.

The decision, if accepted, would seem to make it impossible for any fellowship organized along Congregational lines ever to unite with anybody; thus our Baptist and Disciple friends have as much at stake as we Congregationalists. Indeed, the decision might invalidate our membership in the Federal Council of the Churches of Christ in America; and it even casts a shadow on the continuance of the support of the many union enterprises in which our mission boards share and which have been a source of so much satisfaction to the members of our fellowship.

The Executive Committee of the General Council met in New York on March 1 for the purpose of studying the judgment of the court and deciding on future action. The Committee voted by more than 3 to 1 to appeal the case. One of the deciding factors was the fear of the mission boards that their participation in the support of federated churches and union schools, hospitals, and other important pieces of work would be jeopardized. President Ronald Bridges, former Moderator of the General Council and President of the Pacific School of Religion, was asked to form a committee to raise the necessary funds to cover the cost of the appeal, and he accepted the assignment. Indicative of the deep interest which President Bridges will find was the voluntary action of one of our laymen who, at one of our Schools of Churchmanship, came to President Bridges and Superintendent Gill and offered $1,000 toward this purpose. The action of the Executive Committee of the General Council will come as a reassurance to the great multitude of lay people who for years have been saying to the denominational leaders, "Why do not you fellows get together?" and to our ministers, particularly the younger men who have felt such deep concern about this matter of church union, and especially our young people whose hopes and dreams were for the moment shattered by the judge's decision.

MISS SEABURY HEADLINE SPEAKER

Our churches and ministers will be delighted to hear that the headline speaker for our State Conference at Santa Cruz, May 26-28, will be Miss Ruth Isabel Seabury. No one in our fellowship could be more welcome. She is well known to most of us and has been in Northern California many times on special assignments, but not for many years, if ever, has she been on the program of our Conference. She will give the opening address, will speak at the banquet on Saturday evening, and will preach the sermon on Sunday morning. Rev. Holland F. Burr, of the Piedmont Community Church, will be the chaplain of the Conference. Laymen will have a special luncheon Sunday noon, followed by a forum, to which all members of the Conference are invited. Invitations are out to several outstanding speakers, and arrangements are being made for luncheon and dinner meetings.

EASTER SUNRISE

Rev. William Elbert McCormack, pastor of the First Congregational Church of San Francisco, will preach the sermon at the twenty-eighth annual Sunrise Easter Service on Mount Davidson, San Francisco, beginning at 5:45 a. m. on Easter, April 9, according to Dr. Clifford H. Jope, program chairman.

The anthem will be sung by the Sterling College Choir of forty voices which will be on tour at that time. Sterling College is a United Presbyterian college located in Sterling, Kansas.

PASSION WEEK

The San Francisco Council of Churches is bringing Rev. Roy L. Smith of Chicago as guest preacher for Passion Week services. The noon meetings will be held at the First Congregational Church and the evening services at Grace Cathedral. In a nation-wide poll of 16,000 ministers, Dr. Smith was voted as one of the 10 most effective preachers of America.

1949 GAINS

STATISTICAL SUMMARY

Nineteen forty-nine was in most respects one of our best years. Our churches had a gain in membership of more than 1,500, bringing the total to 28,078. There were received on confession of faith 1,401, and a total of 3,206. There were removals of 1,564. Church school enrollment went up by 900, the total being 14,067, and the membership of young people's organizations increased by 500, the total being 3,698. No churches were added, although several are in process of organization. One church, Adin, was dropped, making the total exactly 100.

Gifts to Our Christian World Mission (apportionment) from our churches were as follows: To the Conference and state Home Missions and Ministerial Relief, $41,693; to the Board of Home Missions and the Council for Social Action, $22,185; to the American Board of Commissioners for Foreign Missions, $18,785; and to Relief and Reconstruction, $15,245; a total of $97,908. This is a drop of $6,862 as against our gifts to Apportionment and CWVR in 1948. These figures are subject to further slight revision.

When it comes to caring for ourselves, our churches have not been negligent. The total for home expenses has jumped to practically $692,000, an increase of $40,000 for the year. If benevolences had increased since 1940 as home expenses have increased it would have been a truly noteworthy achievement, for home expenses have considerably more than doubled. The same is true of the value of property, which now stands at $6,428,000. This is in part due to new buildings and also to revaluation for insurance purposes due to increased replacement costs.

Readers of the Pacific will be glad to know that the final figure of the gifts from Northern California to the Unit Plan was $32,874.58.

Laymen's Schools

Under the direction of the Laymen's Fellowship of the Northern California Congregational Conference, three Schools of Churchmanship were held, the first one in Free Cross Church in Fresno on February 19 with an attendance of 79, the second one at Pacific School of Religion on February 26 with 102 present, the last one at Pioneer Church, Sacramento, on March 5, of which there were 75. This makes a total of 256, far and away the largest number of any of the series that have been conducted through the years. Rev. Ira Black, of the City Work Department of the Board of Home Missions, was the chief speaker at all three. Pastors of entertaining churches and the faculty of the Pacific School of Religion presented interesting features of the programs. There were discussion groups on the work of the deacon, on church finance, on personal evangelism, and on laymen's activities. Rev. Sidney H. Buckham, Director of Church Extension, was the staff member who gave the necessary cooperation from the Conference office.

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Cleveland Meetings

The Midwinter meetings at Cleveland carried forward their work in spite of the discouraging news regarding the merger. Rev. Albert D. Stauffacher, Secretary of the Missions Council, reported that the denomination as a whole exceeded in the support of Our Christian World Mission the regular apportionment of 1948 but fell short of the apportionment plus the gifts for CWVR. The total contribution amounted to $3,701,000 as against goals of $6,280,000. This indicates something of the great task that lies ahead of us if we are to do the job that we set out to do two years ago. One cannot easily forget the stirring call to evangelism given by Superintendent Walter Schlaretski of Southern Illinois and to world-wide missionary work by Walter W. Van Kirk and by Rev. Fred Hoskins, recently called to the First Church of Oak Park, Illinois.

Rev. William W. Meyer presided over the conference of the Directors of Christian Education and Superintendent Harley H. Gill was president of the Superintendents' Conference. Rev. Vere V. Loper was on the Prudential Committee of the American Board. Rev. William E. McCormack and Mrs. Scott Haymond were in attendance at the meetings of the Board of Home Missions. Mr. and Mrs. Harry Drobish faithfully followed the Council for Social Action. Mrs. W. Bayard Buckham was one of the women State Presidents, and Rev. Benton S. Gaskell was an active member of the State Chairmen for OCWM.

PROGRESS AT DIXON

Friends of Rev. Everett L. Spuller, who is pastor of the Dixon Community Church, will be delighted to hear that he was presented with a brand new Plymouth automobile at Christmas time. He was awarded the Silver Beaver for meritorious service to the Boy Scouts. The church received 33 new members in 1949. The old Presbyterian Church was purchased and remodeled for church school purposes and as a youth center.

The April issue of the Pacific will be a "New Century Number." It will gather up in one issue the story of the things we have been doing with that part of the Centennial Fund which has been raised and of the projects that remain to be undertaken. Watch for it.

OCWM, 1950

Herewith is the first report for 1950 of Our Christian World Mission. It is too early for this report to give much of a forecast for the year but so far it is favorable. March is the closing month of the first quarter and the final month of the Conference fiscal year. The cooperation of churches and their treasurers will be greatly appreciated if the full amount of receipts for the quarter can be in hand before the last day of the month.

	App't Jan. 10 to Feb. 28,'49	App't Jan. 10 to Feb. 28,'50
Alameda	$ 106.27	$ .....
Auburn	50.00	25.00
Berkeley, First	1,332.33	1,364.98
North	180.75	163.50
South	145.44	67.77
Campbell	72.19	.....
Cedarville	5.60	.....
Cloverdale	33.05	9.40
Cotati	.....	10.00
Crockett	22.34	.....
Dinuba	1.00	.....
Eagleville	7.36	.....
Etna	11.51	9.65
Eureka	174.35	134.13
Fowler, First	50.00	.....
Fresno, First	481.25	.....
Japanese	85.00	.....
Glen Ellen	.....	55.00
Guerneville	.....	25.00
Hayward	300.00	200.00
Lodi, Ebenezer	50.00	.....
First	329.55	289.41
Martinez	82.00	102.19
Modesto	.....	14.15
Murphys	.....	5.00
Oakland, Beth'y Arm	12.64	.....
First	1,257.83	921.27
New Pilgrim	2.76	41.86
Plymouth	202.33	226.73
Pacific Grove	.....	35.48
Palo Alto	300.00	.....
Paradise	100.00	120.00
Penngrove	.....	18.90
Pescadero	.....	12.50
Pittsburg	41.60	152.66
Port Chicago	20.00	.....
Porterville	.....	700.00
Redwood City	37.85	16.11
Ripon	19.45	52.32
Sacramento, Pioneer	.....	250.00
Salida	.....	3.75
San Carlos	160.00	160.00
San Francisco, Calvary Arm	30.00	.....
First	22.25	166.75
Park Presidio	42.14	89.49
San Jose	210.00	393.34
San Mateo	500.00	300.00
San Rafael	14.70	.....
Santa Cruz	75.80	200.00
Santa Rosa	59.07	76.62
Sebastopol	32.53	180.67
Sonoma	.....	29.95
Stockton	.....	178.15
Sunnyvale	15.00	.....
Tulare	70.00	115.00
Reno, Nevada	74.45	96.65
Miscellaneous	40.00	435.00
	$6,860.39	$7,448.38

PLYMOUTH HOUSE

Plymouth House young people held a retreat at Cazadero on the week-end of March 5. Besides recreation and worship, there was work on the new swimming pool. The religious program at Plymouth House among the University of California students is showing increasing strength under the leadership of Keneth Kinnear.

BERKELEY, NORTH—The entire inside wall surface of the church has had a new coat of paint. The Men's Club is showing great activity under the presidency of Rev. Sidney H. Buckham. Sixty-five ladies of the church reported 700 books and magazines read under the reading program. Rev. Williston Wirt is pastor.

Bay Association Annual Meeting

The annual meeting of the Bay Association was held at the South Berkeley Community Church on the afternoon and evening of February 24. There were three excellent speakers: Mr. Albert C. Hausske who is returning to China, Rev. Philip G. Murray of Plymouth Church, Oakland, and Rev. William E. McCormack of San Francisco, First Church. Supt. Harley H. Gill gave a statistical report of the churches of the Association, showing a total gain over a year ago of more than 900 members.

Rev. John C. Mickle, who served as moderator in the absence of Mr. Ralph H. Anderson, was elected moderator for the coming year, and Mr. Eugene Frickstad vice-moderator. Rev. James H. Price was elected registrar for a three-year period succeeding Rev. Huber Burr, who has served so faithfully for a number of years. As a result of the election the following people will serve:

Credentials Committee: Rev. Ralph D. Hyslop, Rev. Ralph V. Conard, Rev. Williston Wirt, and Rev. David L. Evans. **Nominating Committee:** Rev. J. H. McCartney, Mrs. J. H. Price, and Dr. Hoh Yam-tong. **Board of Directors:** Mr. William E. Kidd, Rev. George W. Lindsay, Rev. Ernest M. Fowler, Miss Amy Jensen, and Mrs. Madge Barnes.

A number of delegates were chosen for the General Council, whose names will appear in The Pacific when all representatives from Northern California have been named.

CHAPLAINS NEEDED

There are several vacancies for chaplains in the California National Guard on a one-evening-a-week basis, with fifteen days at camp in the summer. Experienced chaplains or ministers under forty who are fully ordained are eligible. Chaplains with rank of captain who attend all drills and camp receive approximately seven hundred dollars per year for their services. Inquiries should be addressed to The Adjutant General, State of California, Sacramento, or to Rev. Corwin H. Olds, Campbell Congregational Church, Campbell, Calif.

ALAMEDA — Through the invitation of Rev. Ralph V. Conard, pastor, Rabbi Gunther Gates preached on Sunday morning, February 19. The new roof has been completed on the church building. New lights have been installed in the kitchen. Contract has been let for further improvement of lighting and for painting of the interior of the sanctuary, foyer, and vestibule.

SAN FRANCISCO, GRACE UNITED—A lovely carillon system for the spire has been presented to the church by Sherman & Clay Co. Funds which had previously been given will be used to install a fine record-playing attachment and a keyboard at the organ console. Rev. E. LeRoy Abbott is pastor.

SUMMER CAMPS AT CAZADERO

		Directors
June 10-17	Central. San Joaquin P.F.	Rev. Terence Stoker
June 17-24	Eastbay P.F.	Rev. George W. Lindsay
June 24-July 1	College Age Group	Rev. Kenneth Kinnear
July 1-8	Redwood, Upperbay P.F.	Rev. Gifford Webster
July 8-15	State P.F. Camp	Mrs. Scott Haymond
July 15-22	Family Camp No. 1	Rev. Ruben Huenemann
July 22-29	Junior High No. 1	Rev. W. F. Keeney
July 29-Aug. 5	Junior High No. 2	Mr. C. T. Gustafson
August 12-19	Family Camp No. 2	Mr. Phil Herriott
August 19-26	Junior Age Camp	Miss Alice Sanderson
Aug. 26-Sept. 2	Westbay P.F.	Rev. Weldon Batty
September 2-4	Young Adult	Rev. Williston Wirt

SEBASTOPOL—When the pastor Rev. Raymond Keeble, discovered that the church budget had been over subscribed for the year, he at once pointed out the importance of the missionary, Social Action, and relief work of the denomination and its needs and has appealed for increasing the giving of the church from 10 per cent to 20 or 30 per cent. Volunteer workers have assisted in laying linoleum and in installing improvements in the chancel.

PETALUMA — Rev. Herbert C. Gans was guest editor of the Petaluma News for the first week of March. Judged by the clippings received at the desk of the Editor of the Pacific he did an outstanding job of it. The pledges for benevolences in the church exceeded the adopted budget. On Wednesday evenings during Lent, Mr. Gans is conducting studies on "How We Got Our Bible."

LODI, FIRST — At the annual meeting, the church was sorry to lose Miss Annie McKenzie, who very efficiently served as clerk for 18 years. Mrs. Calvin Looser is the new president of the Federation of Congregational Women for the Central area. A Displaced Persons family has been invited to Lodi. The Pilgrim Fellowship young people had a snow party on February 4. Rev. A. R. Boone is pastor.

OAKLAND, FIRST — Books are being collected by the World Service Committee for teen-age boys at the rehabilitation center operated by the Juvenile Court. The Women's League is sponsoring a delicatessen sale to help with the expenses of youth delegates to Cazadero. On Sunday, February 12, the choir presented Brahms' Requiem. Rev. Clarence Reidenbach is pastor.

SACRAMENTO, PIONEER—The need for more adequate rooms for the church school resulted in the securing of an additional piece of property and in the setting up of a campaign for the Easter season for a building fund. A Laymen's School of Churchmanship was held on March 5 with Rev. Torrance Phelps, the minister, preaching the sermon.

SANTA CRUZ—It has been found necessary to rebuild the old organ completely, which will cost over $4,000. Rev. Ed Cunningham is preaching a series of sermons on "Victorious Religion," including such arresting subjects as "Winning the Fight Against Mediocrity, Against Frustration, Against Fear, and Against Sophistication."

LOOMIS—The Placer Union High School and Junior College a cappella choir gave a concert at the church on the evening of February 26. The young people entertained the Sacramento Pilgrim Fellowship on the first Sunday of March. Ten thousand copies of the church paper have been put out by Rev. Hendrik Martynse during the past year.

KENWOOD-GLEN ELLEN — At the annual meetings of these two churches, Rev. H. J. Loken was called to the pastorate and will continue for at least a year or two. The church services will alternate between the two communities. Mr. Loken will also serve as chaplain of the State Home at Eldridge.

BERKELEY, SOUTH—The minister of music of this church, Dale E. Cutler, pianist, was presented in recital at the Chapel of the Chimes to a capacity audience. Rev. John C. Mickle and Rev. James E. Simpson are co-pastors.

MINISTERS AND CHURCHES ON THE JOB

FRESNO, FIRST — The W. A. ...n memorial pipe organ was dedi...ed at duplicate services on Sun..., February 19. The organ which ... in the old church has been com...tely rebuilt and greatly enlarged. ...gift of $3,500 from Mrs. Conn in ...mory of her husband made possible ... additions. More than 600 people ...ended the Sunday evening forum to ...r Dr. and Mrs. H. A. Overstreet ...cuss the theme, "The Home as a ...ce of Maturing." The certificate ... completion of the church building ... been filed with the Building Soci... and reveals that the total invest...nt, including land, building, and ...nishings, is in excess of $175,000, ... of which has been raised during ... past five years with the exception ... the $20,000 loan from the Building ...ciety. Rev. John Gregg is pastor.

HAYWARD — During Lent, Rev. ...chard Norberg is reviewing Dr. ...sdick's book, "The Man from Naz...eth," at special Wednesday evening ...etings. On Sunday mornings, he ... preaching a series of sermons on ...he Fundamentals of Our Christian ...ith." Not only are duplicate services ... worship held, but there is some ...ought of having duplicate church ...hool sessions. Some departments ...e full, and parents must put their ...ildren's names on a waiting list. The ...omen's Association has been divid... into ten circles.

SARATOGA — Rev. Gordon L. ...ing, pastor, reports that the Federat... Church spearheaded a truly com...unity project in sponsoring a Dis...aced Persons family. The raising of ...nds was helped by the local theater ...hich arranged a two-day benefit and ...hich included a local talent show. ...eople were turned away because of ...e interest of the whole neighbor...ood. The result has been a coopera...ve community spirit which has ex...eeded all expectations. A family is ...ue to arrive in the near future.

ORINDA—Rev. Fred R. Morrow ... preaching a series of Lenten sermons ...n "Modern Man and the Cross." A ...ape recorder has been purchased for ...e purpose of recording services, ...hoir rehearsals and historic events and ...o assist in secretarial work. The Clip...er Club of young adults has been ...ivided since it has become too large ... or entertainment in any but the larger ...omes.

PORTERVILLE — Rev. John Whiteneck, our pastor at Bakersfield, ...as the speaker for the men's dinner ...n Lincoln Day. Supper gatherings ...re held on Wednesday nights during ...Lent. Rev. Willis L. Goldsmith is ...preaching a series of sermons on "We ...Would See Jesus." The church school ...s larger than ever and still growing. ...Mr. Goldsmith is scheduled for the ...dedication of a new building in his ...former parish in San Diego.

CLOVERDALE—After about two months as interim minister, Mr. Charles S. Mundell was unanimously called to the pastorate of this church. Attendance has been multiplied by three. A recognition service is being planned for March 19. The church has adopted a goal of $492 for benevo...lences.

FRESNO, JAPANESE — This church has sent clothing and food and New Testaments to the Christian church in Hiroshima, Japan. The church hopes to become self-support...ing, to secure title to the property, and to add a unit to the building. Rev. Norio Ozaki is pastor.

MIRA VISTA—Mr. Donald Beach Kirby has been selected and approved as architect for the new building, and preliminary plans have been drawn and forwarded to the Congregational Church Building Society for study. Sunday school classes are now being held in four homes. Additional chairs have been authorized. A potluck supper and "Fun Nite" were held in February at the YMCA with 38 persons present. Rev. Gifford Webster, the minister, made 55 house calls during February. On Sunday, March 12, services will begin in the YMCA. A sign on the new site will soon appear. People driving out Arlington Avenue will see it by looking toward the left where Arlington intersects Cutting Boulevard.

REDWOOD CITY—Thirteen new members were received on January 8. Mr. Pierce Coombes, former Conference Moderator and a member of this church, conducts the Wednesday evening services during Lent. The women's work has been reorganized into a Women's Fellowship. A Displaced Persons family, Dr. Klavs Metra, has been warmly received, and the parents of Mrs. Metra will be coming soon. Rev. Gale Engle, pastor, is conducting classes for both young people and adults preparatory to church membership.

SAN LORENZO — Three new choirs are in the making: Cherub Choir of first and second graders, a Junior High Choir, and a High School Choir. Three hundred people attended a concert on February 19 by the Navy Chorus from Treasure Island. The Women's Association has assumed paying for kitchen equipment, and regular payments are being made on the organ. Twenty tables and 100 chairs have arrived for the use of the church school. Rev. Homer Schwarz is pastor.

MARTINEZ—The annual meeting found that the membership and the church attendance are at an all-time high. Not content with this, the deacons and the cabinet have approved a plan for personal evangelistic visits in March. A very attractive young family of Displaced Persons is soon to come. An appeal was recently made for an increase of $1,500 in pledges, and before a single canvass had been made, all but $200 had been secured. Rev. Donald F. Gaylord is pastor.

SAN FRANCISCO, OCEAN VIEW—Over 80 new members have been received in the two-year pastorate of Rev. J. H. Bennett, the total now standing at 120 of active strength. The Church Building Department of the Board of Home Missions has made an appropriation which now makes possible immediate steps for a new building on the site purchased two years ago. The total project will involve an expenditure of $64,000.

CEDARVILLE and EAGLEVILLE —Some advertisers have made possible the purchase of a "Speedoprint" which enables Rev. Clifford S. Higby to put out a little paper. This small parish is setting an example to all of our churches in having secured homes and jobs for 8 men, 9 women, and several children, all Displaced Persons.

PESCADERO — The church has adopted a budget of $1,300 for 1950 and is seeking to contact the 120 adults in the community who are nominally Protestants. Mr. Ronald Smith, student at Pacific Scholo of Religion, serves as pastor.

BENICIA — Johnny Church smiles when attendance is up, and Johnny Church looks sad when church attendance is down. Johnny Church is a cartoon on the front of the bulletin each Sunday, and he has really helped in bringing attendance to an average of 108 per Sunday. Young people from the third grade to the eighth grade have been organized as a youth church with 41 charter members. Trustees were elected from the seventh and eighth grades, and other boards will be organized. Each Sunday a different class conducts the opening worship. Mr. C. T. Gustafson is pastor.

SACRAMENTO, OAK PARK—A very profitable day was spent on February 12 with a special committee of the Conference. Rev. John Mickle preached, and the afternoon was given over to a discussion of the problems and prospects of the church and the way our fellowship is set up. A group of members are repainting the interior of the building. The recreational program is growing with 56 children registered. Rev. Theodore R. Dunlap is chairman of the Executive Board of the NAACP (National Association for the Advancement of Colored People).

SACRAMENTO, SIERRA ARDEN—Rev. Mary Chester and Rev. Joseph Chester, co-pastors, secured about half of the contributions for the building fund totaling $5,845 during the latter part of 1949. Labor to the value of $1,300 was volunteered. In addition, memorial gifts were secured including flags, an altar set, pulpit Bible, offering plates, pulpit lamp, baptismal bowl, and altar and pulpit. The church building so recently completed has proved to be entirely too small.

OROVILLE—A parish paper entitled "The Chimes" has been started with the cooperation of the Pilgrim Fellowship. Special Sunday evening services are to be conducted by Rev. Byron Eshelman during Lent. Nine new members were received at Communion on February 5. The Pilgrim Guild is raising $100 toward the Centennial Fund. Spring cleaning and various repair jobs are being undertaken by volunteer workers. A splendid visual education program will soon be in operation.

SAN MATEO—A lovely parsonage has been purchased by the church for Rev. Benton S. Gaskell and his wife, who will be moving in soon after the first of March. A Displaced Persons family from Latvia will soon arrive. Eighteen new members were received on February 5. Rev. M. M. Irwin, assistant pastor, will conduct the pastor's class for church membership this year. An architect has been secured for the planning of a new building for Christian Education.

MODESTO—The major emphasis beginning in January has been visitation, partly under the leadership of Rev. Ira Black and Rev. Sidney H. Buckham, but carried forward with vigor by Rev. and Mrs. Elmo Wolfe. Every Monday night and every Saturday afternoon, volunteer work is done in fixing up the old building for worship.

OAKLAND, NEW PILGRIM — The pastor, Rev. George W. Lindsay, is conducting a membership class among junior high young people. At a "Coffee Hour" following the morning service, members of the congregation have a chance to discuss the minister's sermon.

SAN FRANCISCO, FIRST—Fellowship dinners during Lent are being held on Wednesday evenings. Among the visiting speakers are Rev. Hugh Vernon White and Rev. Ralph D. Hyslop of Pacific School of Religion, Rev. Clarence Reidenbach of Oakland, and Superintendent Harley H. Gill. In spite of exceedingly heavy and unrepeatable expenses, the treasurer announced at the annual meeting that all bills had been paid except for a mortgage to the Board of Home Missions. Rev. William E. McCormack, pastor, presided at the meetings of the Board of Home Missions in Cleveland.

BERKELEY, FIRST — Rev. Vere V. Loper, pastor, recently conducted a university Christian mission during Religious Emphasis Week at the University of Colorado. The following Sunday, he preached at Grinnell College and then attended the Midwinter meetings. On February 5, 22 members were received into the fellowship. A memorial clock has been installed in the tower in memory of Rev. Raymond C. Brooks, former pastor of the church. The dial is 10 feet in diameter; the driving mechanism, like most electric clocks, is regulated by frequency of alternating electric current.

ALTURAS—In spite of many losses, the roll of the church was increased by 17 during the past year. Rev. Rowland Dow, of Livermore, occupied the pulpit one Sunday while Rev. William Moll Case preached the dedication sermon of the new High Street Presbyterian Church in Oakland. A gift of 50 new steel chairs has been made to the church by the chairman of the Council and his wife. The Cases plan to give up their work at Alturas this summer and move to Palo Alto where they have purchased a home.

ANTIOCH—On the fourth Sunday of each month, Rev. Herbert Dimock, pastor, is in charge of the church school worship program. A weekly parish newspaper has been started. A Displaced Persons family is coming from Europe. Beautiful new carpeting has been provided in the sanctuary by the Women's Service Club. The junior high class redecorated its room, using materials secured by selling their labor. The Friendship Circle is sponsoring monthly activities for young adult families.

STOCKTON — Excellent reports were given at the annual meeting. Financially, the church is doing much better than ever before, its benevolences including Centennial Fund reaching an all-time high of $2,700. Not one single regular session of the church school has fallen below an attendance of 200. Rearrangements of the building were necessary to take care of expanding departments. The church membership now stands at 582. Rev. Noel J. Breed is pastor.

PARADISE—This church suffered great loss in the passing of Mr. J. A. Ream on February 16. As was said of Abraham Lincoln, his going was like the falling of a great tree in the forest; it left a lonesome place against the sky. At the same time, this sad event is one more reminder of the great triumph of our faith—the immortality of the soul.

SUNOL—For the first itme in a quarter of a century, Sunol had a delegation at the Bay Association meeting—six members besides the pastor, Rev. Robert B. Whitaker. Membership now stands at 33. A bazaar held by the Women's Circle netted $310.

WOMEN'S FEDERATION NEWS

Mrs. E. B. Kientz, Correspondent

ANNUAL MEETING REPORT

On January 19, 1950, nearly 300 women accepted the warm hospitality of First Congregational Church, Berkeley, and enjoyed the fine program arranged by the committee, of which Mrs. Holland F. Burr was chairman.

The reports of the officers showed that the work had been carried on through 1949 with efficiency and interest, as evidenced by the large attendance not only at the annual and spring meetings but also at the regular monthly meetings.

The televised presentation of the secretaries was certainly up-to-the-minute, and their reports were interesting and informative. Mrs. Williston Wirt was the announcer and M. C. (mistress of ceremonies).

Association presidents told how the women in all the churches worked to further the whole program of the church in the local community, in the state, across the nation, and around the world.

Following the election of officers, Mrs. Clarence Reidenbach installed them in a very impressive service, in which the President, Vice-Presidents, Corresponding and Recording Secretaries, Treasurer, and Auditor formed an arch with open end toward the platform. They represented the "doorway" of the "building," and the secretaries, Association presidents, directors, and committee members were arranged in back of the arch. Each one represented another part of the "building," each one having an important place in the entire "structure," just as each one has an important part in the Federation work of building the Kingdom of God.

The retiring President, Mrs. E. B. Kientz, presented the new President, Mrs. W. B. Buckham, who accepted the honor and the responsibility most graciously. She gave this quotation from the Talmud: "It is not upon thee to finish the task; neither art thou free to desist from it." In closing her remarks she quoted again, "Just You and Me":

"Isn't it strange that princes and kings
And clowns that caper in sawdust rings
And common folks like you and me
Are builders for eternity?
To each is given a bag of tools,
A shapeless mass, and a book of rules,
And each must make, ere life has flown,
A stumbling-block or a stepping-stone."—Anonymous.

A delicious luncheon was served by the Women's Association of the church, with Mrs. Vere V. Loper presiding.

Miss Ruth E. Prager from Church World Service spoke on "Displaced Persons from Europe," and made us all want to bring more of them to America. Dr. Georgia Harkness, theologian and visiting professor at the Pacific School of Religion, spoke on the "Kind of a Church Which 'With One Voice Will Glorify God'." She brought out these points: it must be a **witnessing** church; a **creative**—working church; it must be a **resolute fellowship** even in lands where it is dangerous to be a Christian; it must be a **world-embracing** fellowship—"And I, if I be lifted up, shall draw all men to me"; it must be a **reconciling** church, in these times of tension in so many areas, even to the making of peace within the nations. It **is possible,** if the church and we as individual members have adequate faith, a willingness to do the needed give-and-take in all situations, and a sharing by those who have with those who have-not. But, said Dr. Harkness in closing, no matter what happens in the world, God will not be dead. He and the human soul will go on eternally.

Dr. Vere V. Loper led the closing worship service.

FEBRUARY MEETING

Mrs. Gail Cleland, First Vice-President, presided in the absence of Mrs. W. B. Buckham, who was in Cleveland. She opened the meeting by reading "The Kingdom of God Is Within You," a poem by Kagawa found in "Songs from the Land of Dawn."

Owing to the changes in the dates of meetings for the next year, the budget adopted was for the next fifteen months or until the next annual meeting, which will be in April, 1951. Announcements were made of the next regular meeting, March 16. There will be an Executive Board meeting on the day previous, March 15, and it is hoped Board members will arrange to stay over. "Spring Session" was also announced. The dates are May 1-3. Watch for further notice of it, but do save the dates, that is if you are eligible to go!

Along educational lines, Mrs. Charles E. Ward explained the departments through which the Council for Social Action works. They are: agricultural, industrial, international, legislative, and race relations. She suggested materials available to keep us up on these fields of endeavor. Some of these are free for the asking, namely, "Labor Letter," "Legislative News Letter," and "Christian Agriculture." "Social Action" is $1.50 per year. Write to Council for Social Action, 289 Fourth Avenue, New York 10.

Mrs. William F. Pemberton, Literature Secretary, started her year by recommending a small but interesting booklet called "A Torch in Japan." It is a brief sketch of the life of one of Japan's leading Christian women and an educator. It was especially appropriate as Miss Kawai planned the service for the World Day of Prayer for this year.

Continuing on the theme of Japan, Mrs. Lewis Taylor displayed a poster and suggested that as we study "Japan Begins Again," we plan a program to be given at an evening service so that the men may enjoy it, too. Write to Mrs. Taylor at 904 Keeler Avenue, Berkeley 8.

"Missions at the Grass Roots" is the "Home" theme and perhaps you are planning some programs on that theme. If so, Mrs. George Ludlow of Petaluma is the one to give you suggestions such as studying your own Community as to boys' work, released time education, welfare work for senior citizens, and others. She especially recommended the "Church Woman," official organ of the United Council of Church Women.

Worship. Miss Edith Parsons continues as our Devotional Chairman this year and suggested that we want both information and worship in our devotional services. If a more liturgical service is desired, it is necessary to mimeograph the service so that all may participate. In the Commissioner's letter will be found a number of books, some new and some old, to help in the leading of devotions at group meetings or for daily use.

Friendly Service. Mrs. F. P. Brown has moved to Stockton and her address is 3029 N. El Dorado Street. She has secured the quotas earlier this year and suggests that they be filled before the summer vacation. If gift packages are sent to our missionaries abroad postmasters should be consulted as to duty. If it must be paid, then 35% of the value of gifts should be sent to the American Board treasurer for the missionaries to whom packages are sent. Read directions carefully.

Giving. Our Woman's Gift, formerly called the Thank Offering, is our special gift. Mrs. J. H. McCartney is our new secretary and has boxes and envelopes ready for distribution.

Special Speaker. Dr. Clarence Reidenbach told us why ministers are interested in the emotional health of people, and how their ability to work with the psychiatrist is just an extension of pastoral work. He quoted the 103rd Psalm as being the standby of the counseling minister, and suggested that faith in God is much better for a person than faith in a doctor who may not have a real philosophy of life.

In Sympathy. Our deepest sympathy goes to Mrs. J. A. Ream, whose husband was stricken with a fatal heart attack while she was with us at our Federation meeting on February 16.

Also word has recently come from Weaverville that two of the well loved members of their Ladies' Aid passed on to their reward, Mrs. Rose Grigsby in October and Mrs. Davenport in November. Members of their families and also friends have made contributions in their memory to the building now being erected for social and church school purposes. The members of the Ladies' Aid have served weekly luncheons to the Rotary Club through 1949 and thus erned $1,000 for this building.

Please keep the February number of The Pacific for reference as the Handbook and Directory will not be out until much later this year. It contains the list of officers and the calendar for the year.

Read Again, "Read, Then Act," right next to the calendar of the year on page 4 of the February "Pacific." This is something we should do something about. Can't we back this bill!!

Yosemite Park Church will conduct an Easter Sunrise Service from Mirror Lake with President Burns of the College of the Pacific as speaker and with the a cappella choir of the college furnishing music. It is hoped that there will be a national radio hookup. Rev. Alfred Glass is the minister.

Church And Home Institutes

With Miss Mildred Widber, Natial Director of Children's Work, key leader, a series of CHURCH AND HOME INSTITUTES will held the end of April to bring togetl local church leaders and key pare throughout our Conference area.

There's been more talk lately th for many a year about the central portance of parents in the Christ Education of their children. Th really do it if it is done. The chu and church school can only **help.** they **can** help. We have many go tools, and better yet we are sharpeni a new set right now. Miss Widl will demonstrate some of them, sisted by a team of Conference leade

Six strategic locations have be selected for the Institutes. Ev though the distance is great for so they will be of value in the finding workable plans.

Here are the dates and places.

April 21—Plymouth Church, Oakland.
April 25—Palo Alto.
April 26—Petaluma.
April 27—Fresno First.
April 28—Stockton.
April 29—Oroville.

Sessions will be from 2 to 9 p.m with a one-dollar dinner. Send a vance reservations to the host churc Many church schools will want pay the cost of the dinner for th teachers and leaders as a small tok of large service rendered.

Pacific readers, who are daily a hourly bombarded about the proble of our world, might well get mo excited about some of the answ which we have in our hands—in o homes and church schools—in o Pilgrim Series taken seriously and tri 100%—and in new tools for chur and home for preview at these important Institutes!

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

April 9—Easter.
May 5-7 — German Congregation Conference, Free Cross Churc Fresno.
May 14—Mother's Day.
May 26-28—State Conference, San Cruz.
June 21-29—Church and Home Ins tutes.
June 22-26 — General Council Congregational Christian Church Cleveland, Ohio.
July 5-August 2—Pastors' School, Foret, Colo.
September 11-13—Planning Conf ence of Board of Directors and Conference committees at Cazade

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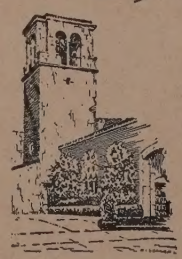

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